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OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE SUPPORT OFFICERS' MEETING

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1. Mr. [REDACTED] discussed his recent trip to Africa, the Near East and Europe and certain aspects of physical protection of offices and residences.

2. The Embassy in Tehran apparently asked the Department of State to waive the travel regulations to permit the use of foreign airlines as a means of countering the terrorist threat. We received an information copy of the State reply which states that, in specific instances where hard intelligence indicates a terrorist threat to a specific flight or airline during a particular period of time, a request for a waiver may be addressed to the Department. The cable emphasizes that official travel should continue to be performed on U. S. airlines, since many nationalities are subject to terrorist action and the use of a foreign carrier is no guarantee that the aircraft is safer. This is for information only since the question has not yet been raised in the Agency.

3. Change in Claims Authority. We are handing out a memorandum from OGC to the DCI, in which the Director approved the adoption of a \$10,000 ceiling in the settlement of employee claims. From August 31, 1964 until now the legal limit has been \$6,500. Claims which were submitted under the earlier authority may now be resubmitted and the claimants may be given additional compensation not to exceed a total of \$10,000. In addition, there is pending legislation which would raise the limit to \$12,000, and it is possible this may also have a retroactive feature. The regulation will be amended to reflect the new \$10,000 limit, but cases may be resubmitted to the Claims Board and approved by the DD/M&S on the basis of the referenced memorandum.

4. Tax Forms. We request that all Divisions and Staffs give us their requirements for blank tax forms for field distribution. Requirements may be phoned in to SSA (Bob or Charlotte).

5. Credit Union. We have been informed by the Credit Union that fourth quarter statements will be distributed the early part of next week. There will be several changes on the statements: a notation of the dividend for that quarter (this usually appears in the following statement); year end totals for tax purposes; and the annual percentage rate on outstanding loans.

6. Retirements in December 1973, M and MG Career Services.

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